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WHEN CONGRESS MEETS WAR DECLARATION IS EXPECTED

WAVE OF PATRIOTISM STIRS NATION TO GREATER DEPTHS THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE THE REBELLION.

MEN URGED TO JOIN NAVY

President Wilson Expected to Present Stinging Indictment of Germany—Committee Drawing Declaration of War.

A tenseness marking the strain which the nation is feeling respecting its relations with Germany has been followed by a wave of patriotism throughout the land.

Not since the Great Rebellion has the martial spirit of the nation been so high. Great patriotic demonstrations nearly all of which passed resolutions calling for a declaration of war with Germany have been held throughout the nation. This with the calling of the national guards has brought a situation never known by the younger generations.

It is expected that the special session of Congress which meets next Tuesday will within a few days thereafter declare war. President Wilson will draw a stinging indictment of Germany's action and the foreign relations committee is already working out a resolution declaring a state of war to exist.

The call for the volunteers and the proclamation of Secretary Daniels were the big events of the week. Especial need is expressed for men to man the navy and recruiting is going on at a higher rate than ever before.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTORS PLEASE WITH COMEDY

Senior Class Play Is Marked by First Public Appearance of High School Band, Which Demonstrates Ability.

Before a capacity audience at the Dreamland last Friday evening the actors and actresses of the class of 1917, Ontario High School who were chosen to present the first of the two class plays made a decided impression.

The play also signalled the first appearance of the High School band of twenty pieces which gave a street concert preceding the performance and divided honors with the Theatians. The band surprised the citizens on the street early in the evening and demonstrated that the school has the necessary ability for a first class organization and this has been all ready largely developed by Director W. V. Shimek, to whom credit is due for his work.

The play, "When a Man's Single", lived up to the advance notices in clever lines and amusing situations. The doings of the Horton and Briscoe families, the social aspirations and their matrimonial difficulties gave opportunity for good work on the part of the cast and this was made the most of by those taking part. The cast was well balanced and each one capably sustained the

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THOMPSON'S STORAGE SYSTEM HAS SAVED MANY LARGE LOSSES

Many and varied are the reports that come down from the interior concerning the sale of Elias Thompson's hay crop of several years past. According to the latest report Thompson has not sold all of his hay, even yet, and that which he did sell went at \$18 per ton, seven foot measurement, which is something less than a full ton.

While some of the ranchers have envied the ability of Mr. Thompson to secure the top prices for his hay

CITY SCHOOL CHILDREN UNDERGO MEDICAL TESTS

The first medical inspection of the children of the Primary and Grammar Grades was undertaken last Friday afternoon and Monday of this week. On Friday five of the eleven rooms were inspected by all of the physicians and surgeons of the city in a clinic. As was expected numerous cases of eye, ear, nose and throat troubles which the sufferers, tho they were not in pain, did not realize were found. Each child was given a slip to take home to his or her parent condition as revealed by the examination. Since arrangements and blanks were not ready for preparing comparative data as to the number of cases of various kinds this information cannot be given, but to make the record of value in the future this will be done to show the relative improvement resulting from periodical inspections.

IF WAR COMES WE WILL ALL BE UNITED

Rev. Gilliam of Boise Declares Nation will not be found Wanting—Will Conclude Sermon Sunday Evening.

A full house greeted Dr. Gilliam of Boise Sunday night at the Methodist church to hear his sermon on "The Relations of the Church to the World War." It was a stirring address and was well received.

During the sermon he gave a portion of John R. Mott's report to the missionary board of his trip to Europe. Mr. Mott says that when the war is over that there will not be a crowned head in Europe. And with what has already happened in Russia and the matters reported from Germany it begins to look as though he were a true prophet. After drawing a vivid picture of the war condition, Mr. Gilliam said that anyone who wanted war must be either "a fool, an idiot, or a grafter." If war is thrust upon the United States however we will not be found wanting. The business of the church will be, after it is all over, to tend men there to help heal the wound, carrying the Balm of Gilead, he said.

If No. 19 is not too late Dr. Gilliam will be here to complete his address next Sunday night, April 1.

BROGAN COUPLE MARRIED HERE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

At the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal church last Sunday afternoon Rev. Earl Hanna performed the ceremony uniting in marriage Miss Cora Rouse and Roy Cole of Brogan. The witnesses who were present were Miss Lowenso Boamell, Herman H. Wise and Phil E. Edwards. The young couple will make their home in Brogan.

COUNTY COURT PLANS EXTENSIVE PROGRAM

PART OF PROGRAM IS DEPENDENT UPON OUTCOME OF STATE BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN JUNE.

WILL REPLANK BRIDGE HERE

County Judge George McKnight Attends Interesting Trial at Portland and Learns about Culvert Companies' Manipulations.

An extensive program of road improvements for Malheur county is contemplated by the County Court. County Judge George McKnight and County Commissioner J. P. Weaver both of whom have been in the city during the week, indicate that, so far as funds will permit the work done will be of a permanent nature.

Among the other work planned is the replanking of the Snake river bridge here, bids will be asked for this work in the near future.

How much the county will do depends in no small degree on the outcome of the election on the road bonds in the state. The reason for this is that the plan for state roads to be built by state and government funds includes a great deal of main road mileage in Malheur county. If the bonds carry the state will probably start some of its work in this county, the commissioners believe, and therefore they will wait and if the road bonds carry spend the county funds on other highways.

Judge McKnight was in Ontario Wednesday on his way home from Portland where he was a witness in a suit between two firms handling culvert piping and with a viciousness that was surprising, he said the attorneys and witnesses brought out the manipulations of each company showing the great variety of prices charged the various counties. The testimony showed, however, that the Malheur county had done business with the litigants it was one of the counties that got low prices.

RISING THERMOMETER HEARTENS STOCKMEN

Week Starts Out With Cold Weather and Snow but Wednesday Marks Turn—Feed Is Growing Scarcer Each Day.

Wednesday, the first warm day of the season sent the hopes of sheep and cattle men up several points. No sailor ever kept his weather eye peeled more persistently than have the residents of this section during the past week for each day witnessed the diminishing of the already too small hay piles. There is perhaps enough hay in the immediate vicinity of Ontario for another week's feeding after that it will be grain, and that is scarce, comparatively and high priced or turning of the cattle to mighty poor feeding grounds on the hills. Already the movement of stock to the hills has begun in a small way but it is expected that a few more days of sunshine will send thousands of cattle and sheep out to the range. As yet no losses have been reported about Ontario though many stockmen are still on the anxious seat. Several car loads of grain have been shipped in during the past week.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB TO SING HERE

What will be, perhaps, the finest musical entertainment of the season will be given at Dreamland Friday, April 6 by the Willamette University Glee club. The club has sixteen voices, all trained and beside has a big repertoire of quartettes, solos, and readers. Then too there will be many college stunts featured which will give the program that distinctive

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FRUITLAND PEOPLE TO BUILD CANNERY

COMPANY FORMED WITH \$15,000 CAPITAL STOCK, ALL OF WHICH HAS BEEN SUBSCRIBED ON BENCH.

WILL BE IN OPERATION BY JULY

Expect to Start Work on Building Next Week—In All 42 Subscribers Listed for Stock—Largest Subscription Is \$500.

While Ontario has talked of the desirability of having a canning factory to furnish a means for marketing the vegetables and fruits of this region Fruitland business men and ranchers have acted. Fruitland is to have a cannery. It is to be in operation in July of this year. The company has been organized. The capital stock has been subscribed. A contractor will be in Fruitland within a week to start work on the building.

These are the facts to date and show how thoroughly prepared have the Fruitland people been. A meeting of the subscribers to the stock met Monday. At that time \$12,600 in stock had been subscribed. The balance was secured Tuesday and on Wednesday morning the committee composed of Ira Dalzell, John Rands, and Ross Kennedy, met and organized by electing Mr. Dalzell chairman and Mr. Kennedy secretary. This committee proceeded at once to prepare the by-laws of the company and take the necessary steps for incorporation.

In speaking of the progress made toward the plant Wednesday afternoon Mr. Kennedy said:

"We expect to have a contractor here in a few days. He is on his way here now and will have work on the building started within a week. The machinery has been arranged for and everything done so that the cannery will be ready for operation in time to care for this year's crop. The

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REMOVING ORCHARDS ON FRUITLAND BENCH

Many Farmers are Up-Rooting Trees Preparatory to Planting Either Grain or Alfalfa—Many Changes in Ownership Reported.

Orchards, some of which had just reached bearing are being uprooted on the Fruitland bench by the owners. Most of the land is to be planted to alfalfa, though some of it will be given over to raising grain, especially this year, according to reports.

Most of the orchards being destroyed are those planted with cherry trees and other soft fruits. None of the apple orchards are being disturbed. Two of the orchards being torn up are just across the river from Ontario.

There has also been quite a movement in land on the bench transfers are reported every day and many land seekers from the east have visited the bench. Among the transfers reported was that of F. Blomstrom who traded his 51 acre ranch on the bench for the 10 acre improved ranch of H. E. McKay of Ontario. Both families have moved to their new homes.

EASTERN STARS CAVORT AN OLD FASHIONED PARTY

Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star had an old-fashioned party at the lodge hall last Thursday evening. There were over 60 members of the order with their Masonic relatives present to enjoy the informal literary program which included vocal solos by Mrs. H. L. Peterson, Mrs. J. W. McCulloch, piano solos by Miss Ernestine Billingsley and readings by Mrs. W. W. Latham, Mrs. McCulloch

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ONTARIO BOYS ANSWER CALL WITH IDAHO TROOPS

CITY DISPLAYS FLAGS SHOWING PATRIOTISM

Starting last week Ontario gradually assumed gala attire with the Stars and Stripes floating from many of the business houses and from the flag pole in the park. Uncle Dick Rutherford, a veteran of the Civil War raised the first flag over his little pop corn stand and he was followed by Boyer Bros. and the Argus then came one business house after another until practically all either had flags on the buildings or in their windows. A few flags temporarily placed on buildings within reach of passersby were taken Saturday but none have since that time. Also every man woman and child in town is wearing one of the flag buttons which H. C. Boyer brought home with him from Portland Monday. Over 500 of these were distributed among the school children of the schools Wednesday by Mrs. F. L. Stewart assisted by the members of the faculty.

PAYETTE ENTERTAINS KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Ontario and Vale Lodge men Travel to Idaho City to See Work exemplified and Have a Good Time.

Sixty Malheur County Knights of Pythias, thirty from Ontario and an equal number from Vale journeyed to Payette Monday evening for one of the biggest Pythian celebrations that has taken place in the valley for years. The tired out happy followers of Damon and Pythias seen on the streets Tuesday was ample testimony to the entertaining abilities of the Payette Knights. The occasion was a manifold one. First the district convention was held that day in Payette, and Frank E. Smith, Grand Chancellor Commander of Idaho was the guest of honor, and lastly beside degree work there was a competitive team work for honors in exemplifying the work. In the competition there were two Boise teams and one each from Nampa and Weiser, and the latter team won by a narrow margin over Nampa. Arthur M. Moody of Vale and W. T.

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MRS. THOMAS KANNADY ANSWERS LAST SUMMONS

After but a brief illness due to a blood clot Mrs. Thomas Kannady died at her home on the Boulevard Saturday leaving her husband and three children to mourn for her. Word of her illness and death brought profound sorrow not only to the members of her family but to the many close friends she had made during her residence in this section. The esteem in which she was held was manifested by the many acts of kindness.

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BANG OF PUNCHING BAG RESOUNDS IN THE CITY HALL EVERY AFTERNOON

Biff bang, biff bang bang, biff bang, bang, came sounds that set a visitor at the City Hall last Saturday afternoon to wondering who was wrecking the municipal building by taking out the timbering and sills of the basement. Registering moving picture surprise and wonder brought the solution from Marshal Harry Farmer who gave assurance that the building was safe and that the commotion was

MANY KHAKI CLAD MEN ON STREETS WEDNESDAY ON WAY TO PAYETTE TO ANSWER COMPANY CALL.

SERVICE NOT DESIGNATED YET

Will Probably be used to Guard Railroad Bridges and Other Property in State for Time Should War be Declared.

Many khaki clad men graced the streets of Ontario Wednesday. They were members of Co. I of the 2nd Idaho whose home station is Payette, to which place they were bound to answer the call issued by Governor M. Alexander on instructions from Secretary of War Baker.

Ontario now has but two members in the company, Wilmer Boyer and Everett Staples and they with the members from the bench took the "pony" for Payette in the morning, after two strenuous drills yesterday a number of the men were permitted to return to their homes until Sunday to arrange their business affairs preparatory for service.

The officers of Co. I are recruiting the ranks to full war strength of 160 men and a squad will be in Ontario to interest a number of local young men.

As yet no work but drill has been assigned the men but it is indicated that for a time they will be used for guarding railroad bridges and other lines of communications for a period should war be declared.

FATHER SENDS SON TO FACE INDICTMENTS

John Conselmo Scion of Wealthy Philadelphia Merchant Crosses Continent to Surrender Himself.

John Conselmo, son of a wealthy Philadelphia commission merchant and owner of the famous Idanha orchard near Nyssa arrived in Malheur county Sunday after a trip across the continent to face the indictment of assault with a deadly weapon which was returned by the Grand Jury last fall after a shooting affray on the Boulevard following a dance.

For participating in this episode during which Miss Edith Fredale of Nyssa was shot in the back but not seriously injured the grand jury held young Conselmo and his brother, the latter's case was heard and he paid a fine. John Conselmo, however fled the country and his bond for \$1,000 given by a number of prominent residents of Nyssa was forfeited.

It is said that young Conselmo's return at this time was due to the influence of his father who sent the young man back, to face the music. The young man came and went to the Idanha orchard to attend to some business matters before going to Vale to surrender himself. In the meantime Sheriff Brown learned of his presence in the county and sent a deputy who arrived just as the young man was starting for Vale. While his attorney was arranging for bail Conselmo was in charge of the sheriff.

merely an evidence of the punching power of City Recorder C. M. Stearns, who was then taking his daily constitutional exercise.

A trip to basement convinced the visitor even more than the noise that the Judge was in good trim and the healthy wallpops he handed the innocent bag left the impression that the knockout punches he laid of late handed drunks appearing before him is not his only strong suit.